Sl. No.	Name of Circle	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
10.	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	22.26
11.	Karnataka	10.34	6.33	0.04
12.	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00
13.	Madhya Pradesh	25.06	29.30	1.52
14.	Maharashtra	0.00	0.18	0.00
15.	North-East-I	10.34	14.07	10.85
16.	North-East-II	0.00	0.00	5.66
17.	Orissa	15.51	34.91	68.04
18.	Punjab	0.00	0.00	0.00
19.	Rajasthan	0.00	0.06	0.00
20.	Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.46	0.00
21.	U.P. (East)	36.20	50.36	53.17
22.	U.P. (W)	31.03	41.26	17.62
23.	Uttaranchal	0.00	0.00	7.99
24.	West Bengal	26.01	55.00	53.25
	Total:	**211.71**	**339.39**	**340.88**

Note: Tamil Nadu includes Chennai Phones, West Bengal includes Kolkata Phones and Sikkim also and Maharashtra includes Goa.

NE-I includes Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura.

NE-II includes Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Manipur.

Direct Exchange lines in Rural Areas

4542. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) provided in the country till 31st December, 2001, State-wise;

(b) by when all the villages in the country would be covered by VPTs;

(c) the number of Direct Exchange Telephone Lines (DELs) provided in rural areas as on 31st December, 2001, State-wise; and

(d) by when all rural areas would be provided by DELs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The State-wise information in respect of VPT's provided in the country upto 31.12.2001 is given in the Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) It is expected that by the end of the year 2002, all the villages of the country will be covered by VPT's.

(c) Information in respect of total nos. of Direct Exchange Lines provided in the rural areas as on 31.12.2001 is given in the Statement-II. (*See* below)

(d) All out efforts are being made for reducing the Waiting List as well as waiting period so as to make telephone available on demand in the country. It is expected that barring Kerala and some pockets in other states where availability of cable pair causes delays in provisioning, rest of the country will be practically on demand by the end of this financial year.

Statement-I

VPTs provided in the country state-wise till 31.12.2001

Sl. No.	State/Circles	By BSNL	By Pvt. Operator	Total
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	197		197
2.	Andhra Pradesh	23419	15	23434
3.	Assam	15551		15551
4.	Bihar	19280		19280
5.	Jharkhand	10008		10008
6.	Gujarat	11214	0	11214

Sl. No.	State/Circles	By BSNL	By Pvt. Operator	Total
7.	Haryana	6811		6811
8.	Himachal Pradesh	13315		13315
9.	J & K	4068		4068
10.	Karnataka	27056		27056
11.	Kerala	1468		1468
12.	M.P.	37364	348	37712
13.	Chhattisgarh	11156		11156
14.	Maharashtra	31541	103	31644
15.	North East-I	2640		2640
16.	North East-II	2071		2071
17.	Orissa	27512		27512
18.	Punjab	12687	0	12687
19.	Rajasthan	23852	209	24061
20.	Tamil Nadu	17899		17899
21.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	64067		64067
22.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	19083		19083
23.	Uttaranchal	8029		8029
24.	West Bengal	24925		24925
25.	Calcutta	431		431
26.	Delhi	191		191
	TOTAL:	415835	675	416510

Statement-II

Status of Rural DELs as on 31.12.2001

Sl. No.	State/Circles Name of the Unit	Rural Wired DELs	Rural WLL DELs	Total Rural DELs (Wired+WLL)
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	16521	0	16521
2.	Andhra Pradesh	874087	0	874087
3.	Assam	76625	1474	78099
4.	Bihar	201990	5792	207782
5.	Chhattisgarh	36309	158	36467
6.	Gujarat	554485	0	554485
7.	Haryana	254555	0	254555
8.	Himachal Pradesh	245565	379	245944
9.	J & K	14619	0	14619
10.	Jharkhand	43643	2750	46393
11.	Karnataka	666708	0	666708
12.	Kerala	1361991	0	1361991
13.	M.P.	193630	0	193630
14.	Maharashtra	859558	0	859558
15.	North East-I	38143	22	38165
16.	North East-II	26519	0	26519
17.	Orissa	179809	2910	182719
18.	Punjab	549964	334	550298
19.	Rajasthan	414493	0	414493
20.	Tamil Nadu	166979	0	166979
21.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	322531	1951	324482
22.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	110130	38	110168
23.	Uttaranchal	60452	20	60472
24.	West Bengal	342161	717	342878
25.	Calcutta	0	0	0
26.	Chennai	0	0	0
	BSNL	7611197	16545	7627742